

payout for a fixed number of entrants, and the number of entrants is limited to the number of game tickets 50 in a record set.

## 2. In the Claims

Please add new independent claim 17 as follows:

17 (new). A method of conducting a game of chance by a game of chance administrator wherein an entrant pays an entry fee and obtains a chance to win a predetermined payout, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting a subject of said game of chance;

establishing measured performance criteria relating to said subject of said game of chance;

establishing a number of participants  $n$  in said subject of said game of chance;

establishing a number of participants  $r$  whose measured performance will be combined for purposes of said game of chance;

determining each permutation  $nPr$  of  $n$  participants whose performances will be combined in groups of  $r$  in said game of chance;

creating a game record for each said permutation;

assigning each said game record a unique game record identifier;

establishing a predetermined sum to be paid out for winning entrants;

receiving an entry fee from an entrant in exchange for assignment to